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# **Jeep Wrangler**



## **Diagnosis & Repair Manual**

### **Water Leaks**

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Rev. A

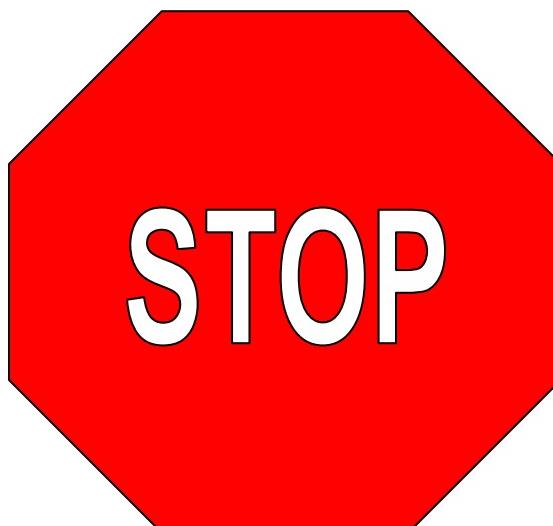
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# General Notes

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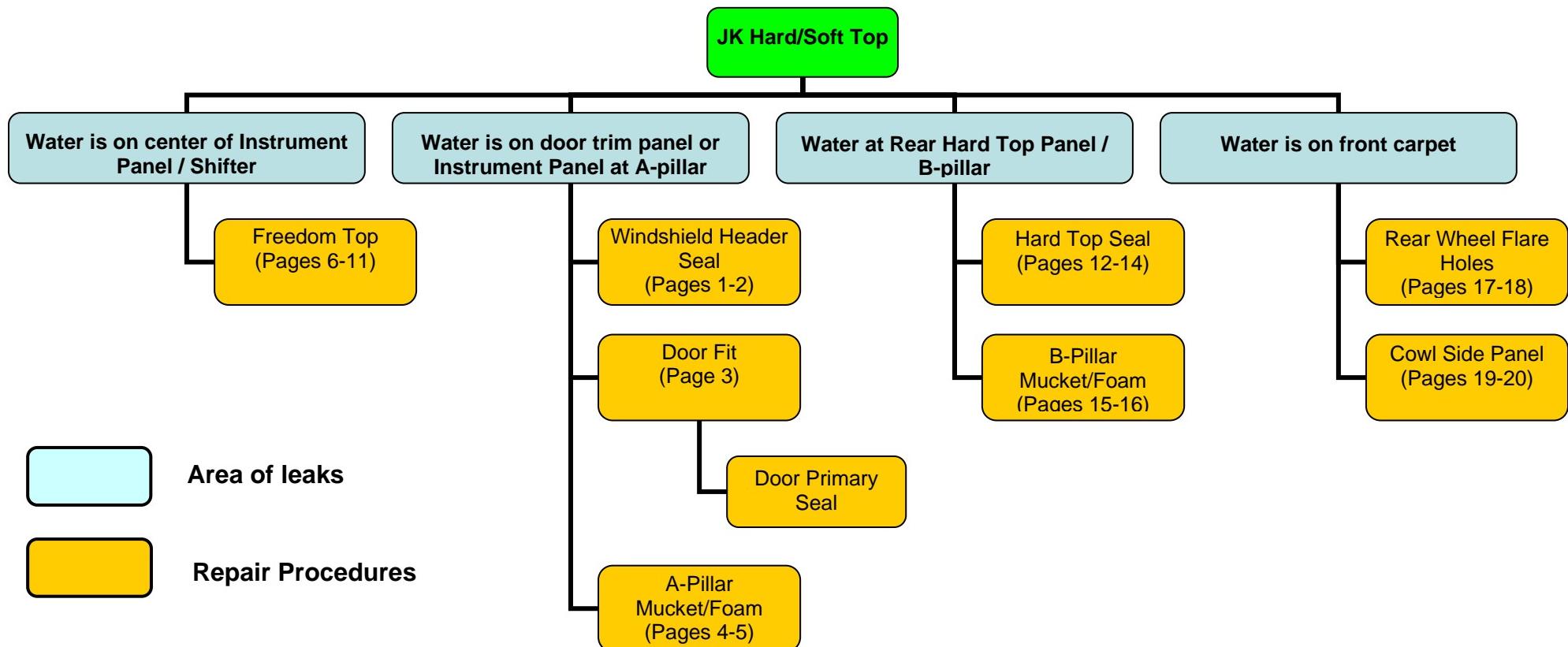
1. This manual applies to all Jeep models: 2/4 door & Hard/Soft Top
2. Before testing the vehicle, perform a review of the top system. Make sure all the latches are engaged, none of the top seals are puckered or distorted, the door seals are installed correctly, the tops are not out of alignment, etc.
3. Each leak area can have multiple root causes, as noted in the diagnosis tree. It is important to water test each repair before starting the next.
4. If a leak cannot be reproduced, it is due to the period of time the vehicle is under wet conditions. Some leaks may take hours before leaking.
5. If a leak cannot be reproduced, apply all the repairs to the applicable areas as noted in the diagnosis road map.
6. When the door is open, there is water run off from the roof that can soak the carpet. Be sure to explain to the customer that this cannot be fixed. This is an unfortunate condition with this type of vehicle, similar to convertibles.
7. It is important to understand where the leak ENDS up when diagnosing the vehicle. Where the leak ends up, does not always explain where the leak originates. Refer to the diagnosis tree when determining which repairs to perform.
8. This repair procedure does NOT cover every possible water leak on the Jeep Wrangler. The issues identified in this document are the major leaks that show up in the field.
9. Generally, a car wash is the preferred method to diagnose a vehicle.
10. If a hose is required, place on the top of the vehicle facing forward making sure water is getting to all areas. Do NOT directly spray in the area of question. This can create a "false" leak that cannot be fixed.
11. This manual is not intended to be a service manual. The content identifies the major areas of water leaks, the critical characteristics of each area and how to repair them.

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# Diagnosis Road Map



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# Windshield Header Seal Repair Procedure

## AREA OF LEAK:

- This repair procedure is applicable when water is evident on the:
  - Door trim panel  
or
  - Instrument panel (a-pillar)



## STEP 1: Remove Header Seal

- Figure 1

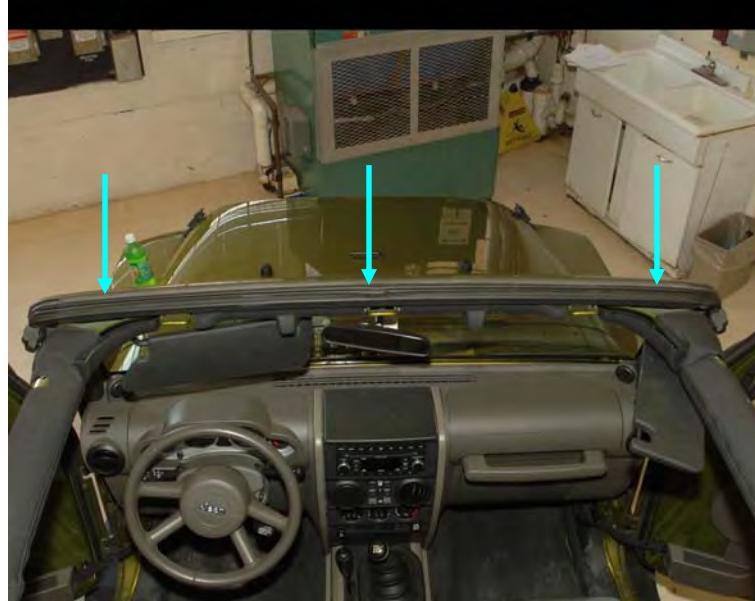


Figure 1

## STEP 2: Remove/Clean Surface

- Remove all butyl and tape residue
- A rubber wheel bit can be used
- Clean surface with 3M adhesive cleaner
- Alcohol wipe entire surface and allow to dry



Figure 2

# Windshield Header Seal Repair Procedure

## STEP 3: Install Butyl

- NOTE: This operation is only applicable for vehicles built before 6/1/2008. Vehicles built after this date, should already have sealer present in this area.
- Install 4mm butyl (68027813AA) as shown (Figure 4)
- Make sure to fill in all holes, wrinkles and step offs to allow for a smooth surface to bond the tape/butyl from the new seal
- NOTE: Excessive amount of butyl can cause transition voids/leaks. Make sure to smooth out butyl.



Figure 3

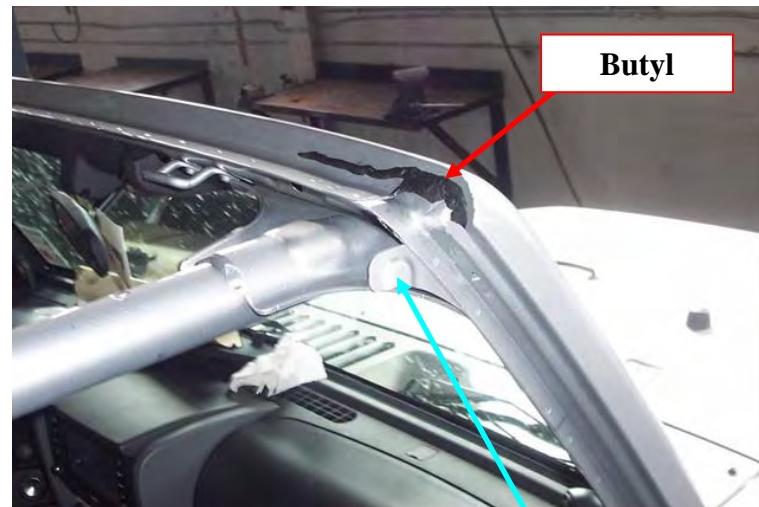
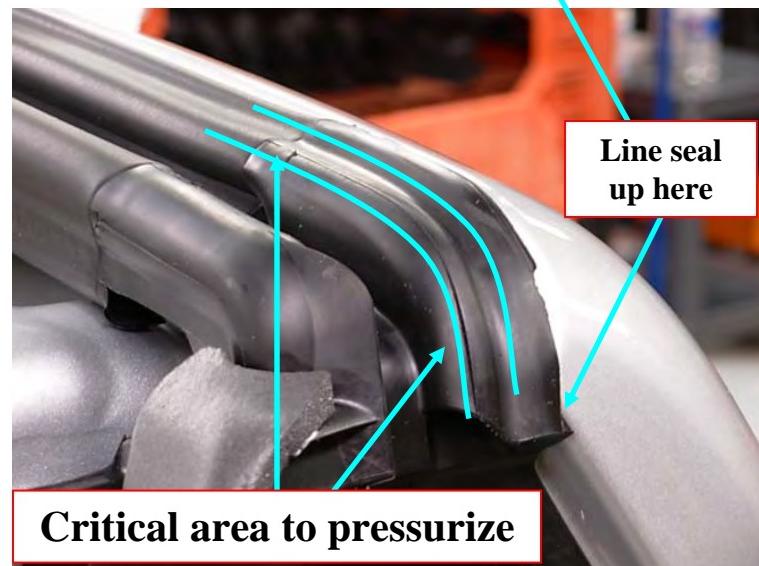


Figure 4



Critical area to pressurize

# Door Fit Repair Procedure

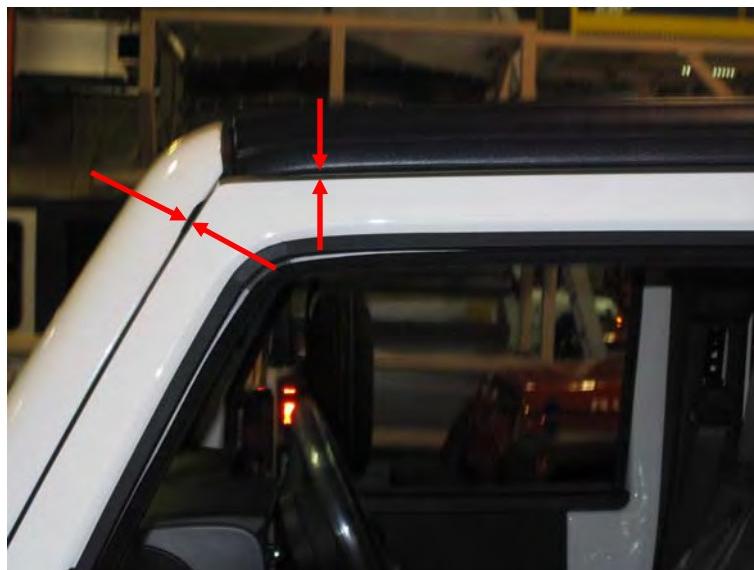
## AREA OF LEAK:

- This repair procedure is applicable when water is evident on the:
  - Door trim panel  
or
  - Instrument panel (a-pillar)



## STEP 1: Door Gap Checks

- Measure door gaps
- The specifications are as follows:
  - The gap spec. is  $5.0 \pm 2.0$  mm
  - The flush spec. is  $0.0 \pm 2.0$  mm
- If the door fit is not to spec, proceed to Step 2



## STEP 2: Adjust Doors

- Adjust the door gap and flushness as described in DealerConnect> TechCONNECT under: Service info> 23 – Body> Body Structure> Gap and Flush> Specifications Service Manual

## STEP 3: Replace Door Primary Seal

- If the doors are adjusted, the door seal must be replaced
- Part #: 55395274/5AN



# A-Pillar Foam/Mucket Repair Procedure

## AREA OF LEAK:

- This repair procedure is applicable when water is evident on the:
  - Door Trim Panel



## STEP 1: Header Mucket

- NOTE: This issue/repair applies to both hard and soft top vehicles
- Inspect the header seal mucket for the seal rolled under the freedom panel or side rail. (Figure 8)
- If the seal is folded under, remove the freedom panel or side rail and re-install making sure not to distort the mucket (Figure 9)



Figure 8



Figure 9

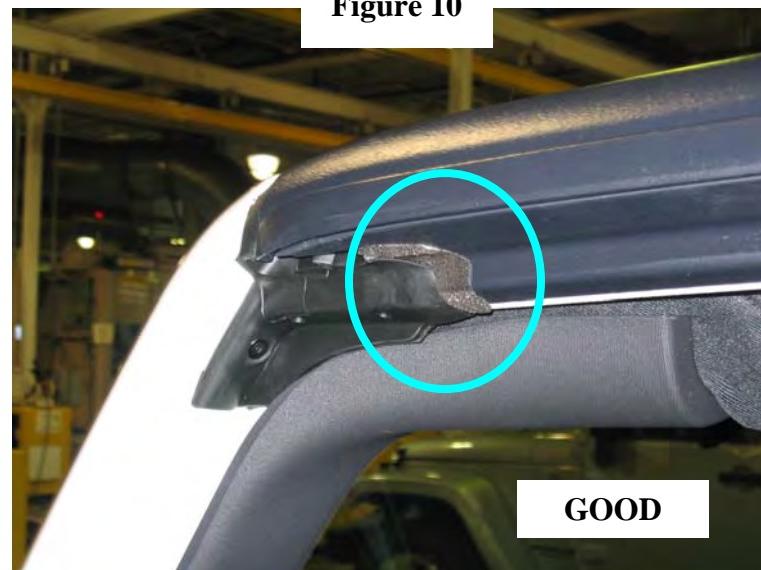
# A-Pillar Foam/Mucket Repair Procedure

## STEP 2: A-Pillar Foam

- NOTE: This issue/repair applies to both hard and soft top vehicles
- Inspect the freedom panel or side rail for damaged/missing foam (Figure 10)
- If the foam is damaged or missing, replace the foam using the foam kit (68026937AB)



Figure 10



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## STEP 2: Foam Installation

- Install the foam to the freedom panel as shown in Figure 12
- The foam installation is similar for the soft top rail

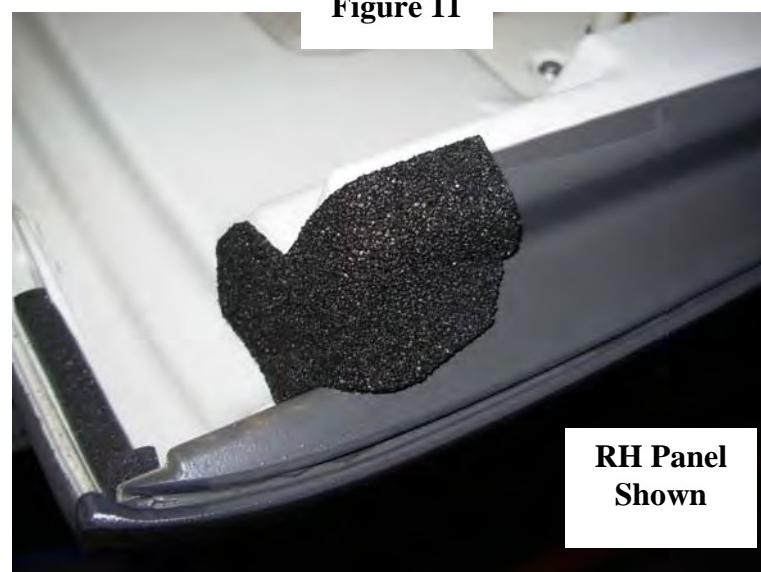


Figure 12

# B-Pillar Mucket/Foam Seal Repair

## AREA OF LEAK:

- This repair procedure is applicable when water is evident on the:
  - Instrument panel (Center)  
or
  - Console / Shifter



## RIGHT HAND FREEDOM PANEL

### STEP 1: Seal Removal

- Remove seal on Right panel



Figure 13

### STEP 2: Tape and Butyl Removal

- Remove tape and butyl residue from panel
- A rubber wheel bit can be used
- Clean Seal Surface with: 3M General Purpose Adhesive Cleaner or Kent Products Acrysol, (if available) and allow to dry completely
- Wipe seal surface with alcohol and allow to dry completely.



Figure 14



Figure 15

# B-Pillar Mucket/Foam Seal Repair

## STEP 3: Butyl Installation

- Place right hand freedom panel upside down on a covered surface to prevent scratching

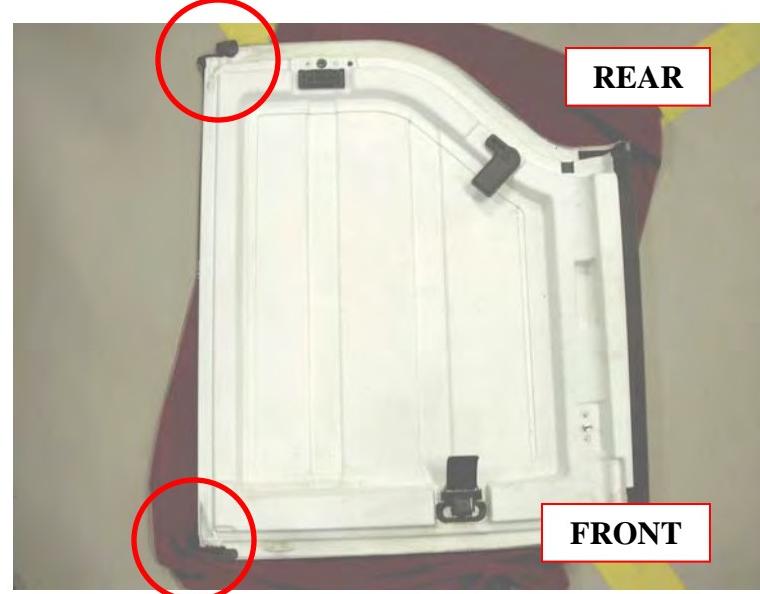


Figure 16

- Apply 4 mm diameter Butyl, Pt # 68027813AA, to Rear Notch (Figure 17)
- Note: Follow groove between panels and push butyl firmly in place

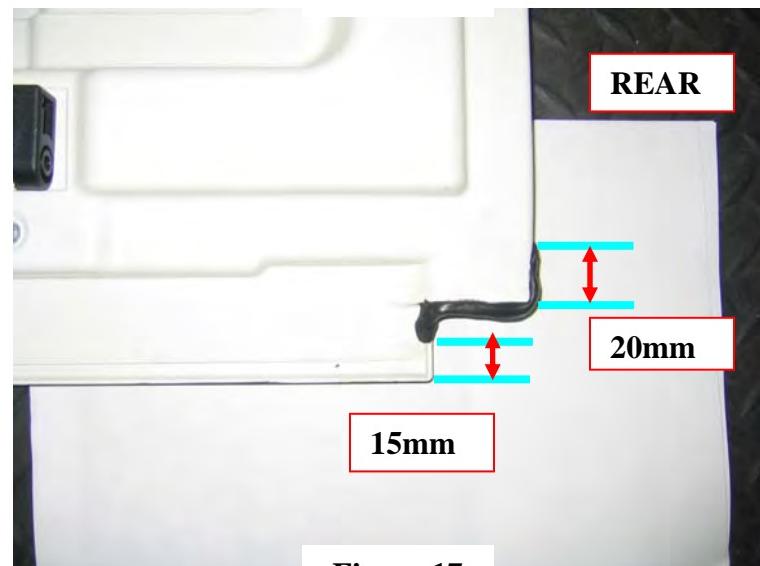


Figure 17

- Apply 4 mm diameter Butyl, Pt # 68027813AA, to Front Notch (Figure 18)
- Note: Follow groove between panels and push butyl firmly in place

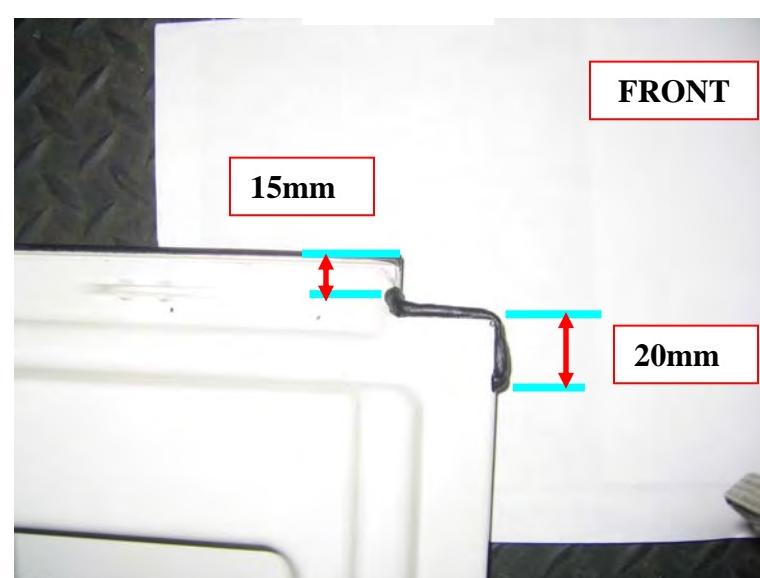


Figure 18

# B-Pillar Mucket/Foam Seal Repair

## STEP 4: Seal Installation

- Keep freedom panel upside down for the initial installation of the seal
- Remove tape liner from seal

**NOTE:** Secure the end molds first, then finish with the middle of the seal

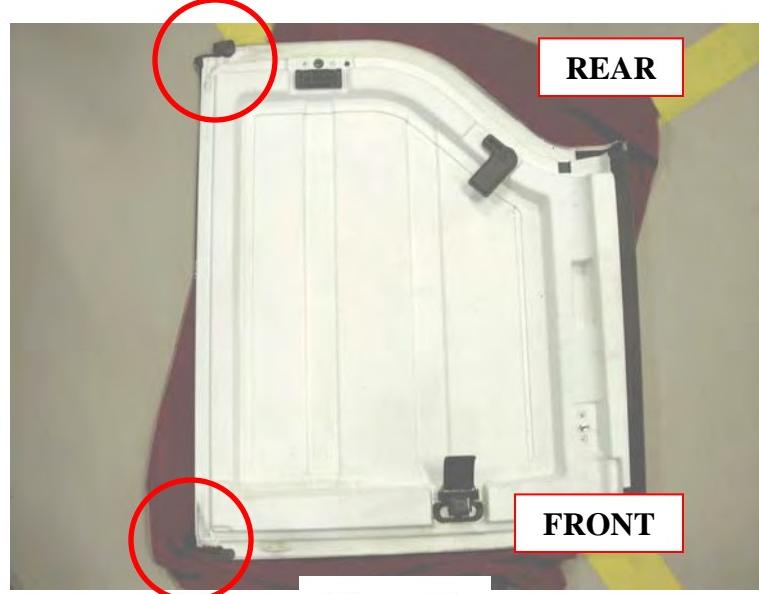


Figure 19

### Rear Seal Mold

- Align REAR edge of NEW seal, Pt # 55397095AG to Right Freedom Panel Notch.
- Compress butyl by installing seal in direction of arrows (Figure 20)
- Note: No gap between installed seal and outer edge of freedom panels. (Figure 20)

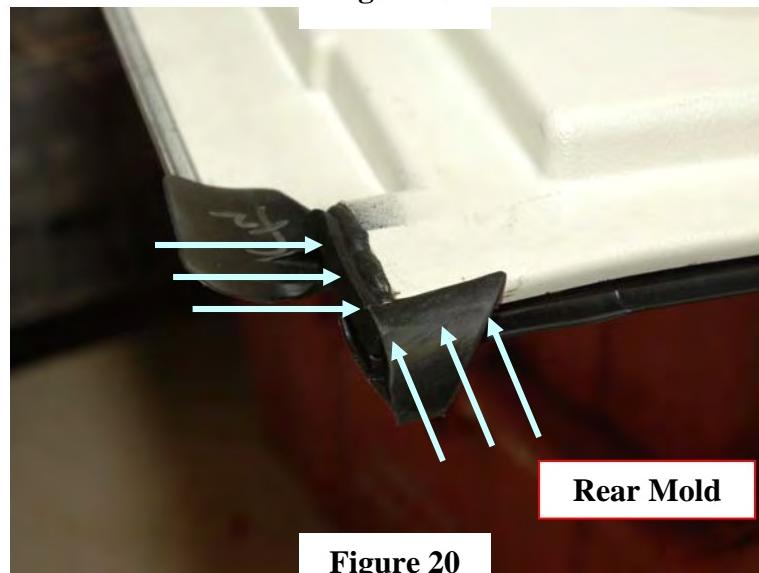


Figure 20

### Front Seal Mold

- Align FRONT edge of NEW seal, Pt # 55397095AG to Right Freedom Panel Notch
- Compress butyl by installing seal in direction of arrows (Figure 21)
- Note: No gap between installed seal and outer edge of freedom panels. (Figure 21)

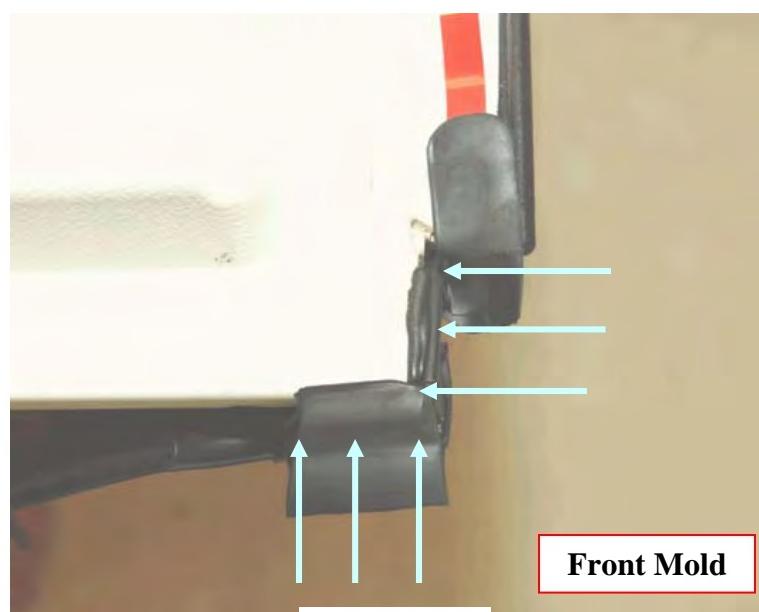


Figure 21

# B-Pillar Mucket/Foam Seal Repair

## STEP 5: Pressurize Seal

- Flip panel back over to complete the seal installation
- Locate seal cross car against the middle rib in the freedom panel and pressurize starting at the ends and working toward the center
- A small roller or firm finger pressure should be used to insure the seal tape is adhered from front to rear, **THIS STEP IS CRITICAL**

This photo is for reference only. Panel was cut to show rib.

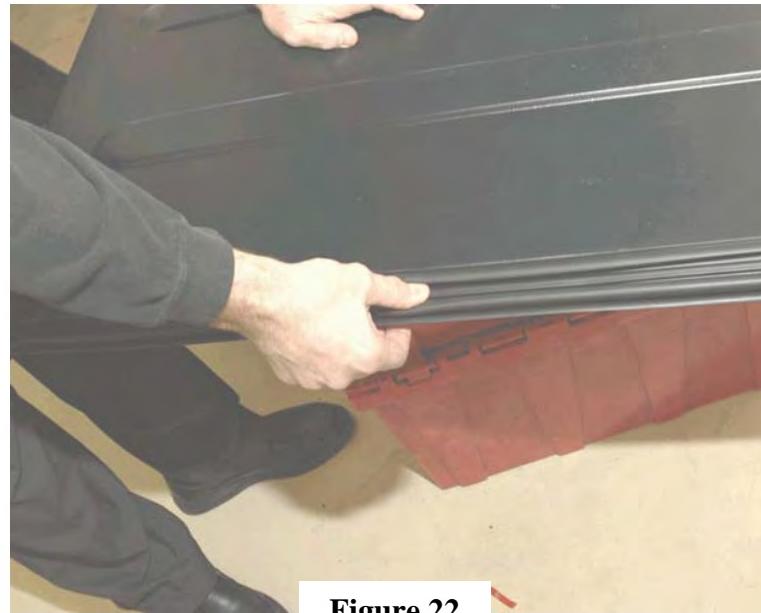


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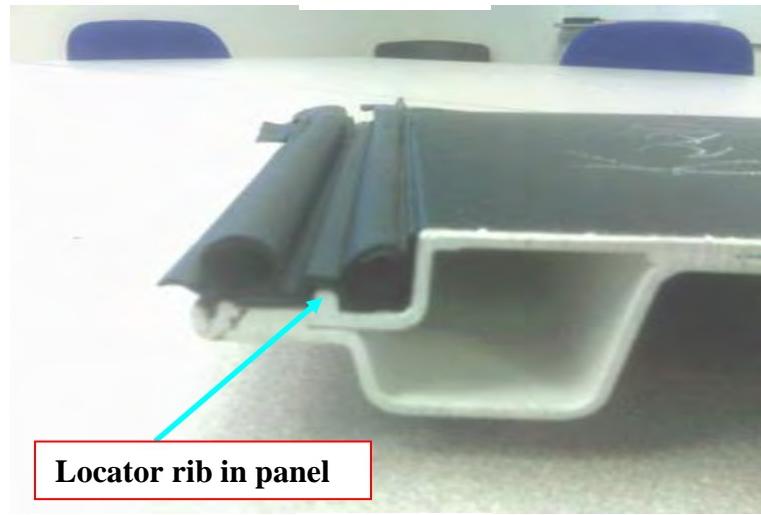


Figure 23

## STEP 6: Install foam at Front

- Install GREY 30 X 75 mm Foam from kit (68026937AB) along trim lines of flame tip (Figure 24)
- NOTE: Make sure foam covers butyl completely

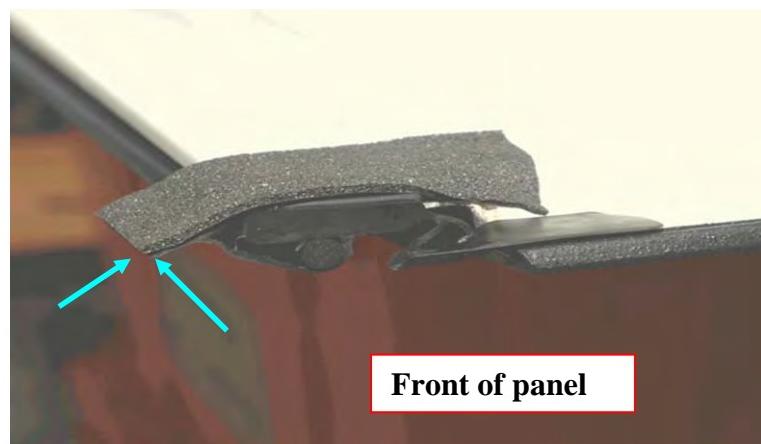


Figure 24

# B-Pillar Mucket/Foam Seal Repair

## STEP 7: Install foam at Rear

- Install **BLACK** 30 X 75 mm Foam from kit (68026937AB) along trim lines of flame tip (Figure 25)
- NOTE: Make sure foam covers butyl completely

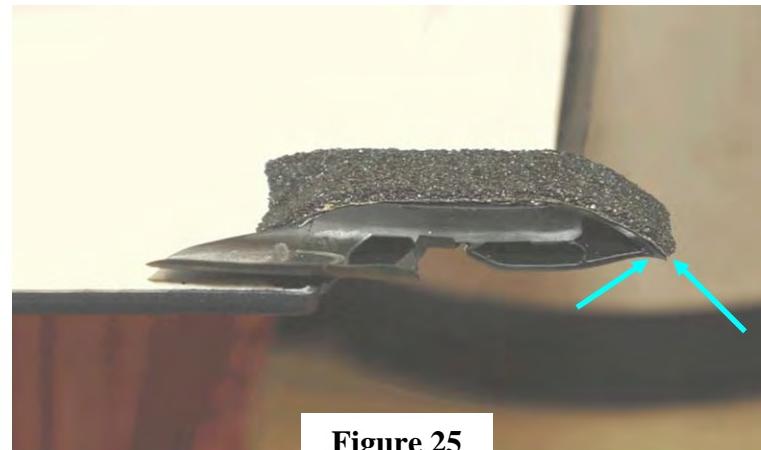


Figure 25

## LEFT HAND FREEDOM PANEL

## STEP 8: Install butyl at Rear

- Place Left hand freedom panel upside down on a covered surface to prevent scratching
- Add 4mm diameter **butyl**, (68027813AA) to rear inboard corner groove (Figure 27)
- Note: Push butyl firmly into groove between panels until flush

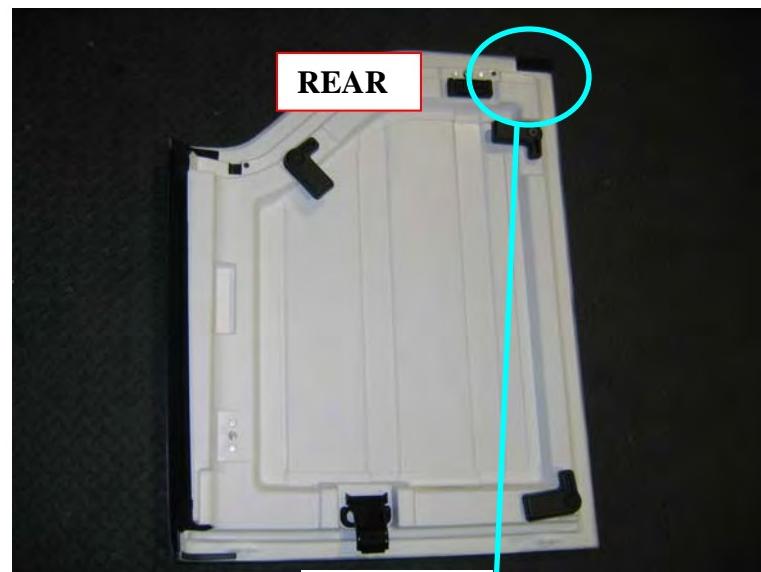


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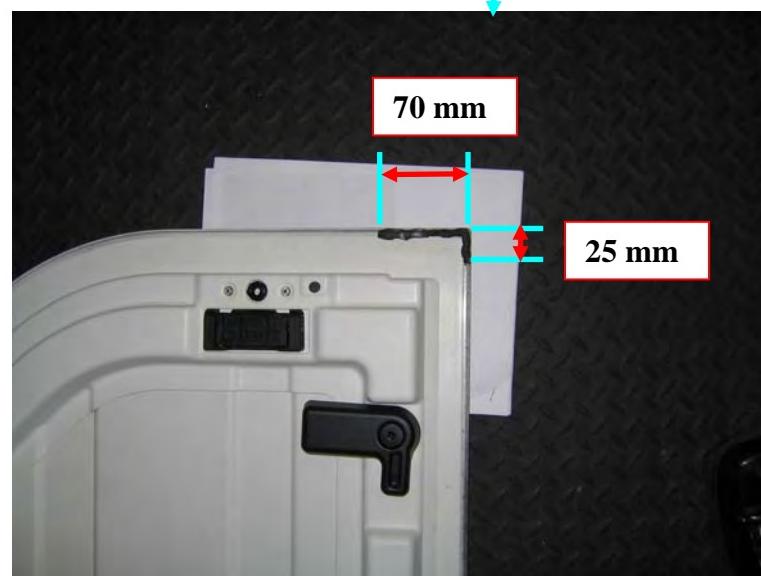


Figure 27

# B-Pillar Mucket/Foam Seal Repair

## STEP 9: Install foam at Rear

- Add 30 X 75 mm **Black Foam** from Kit (68026937AB) to cover butyl (Figure 28)
- NOTE: Make sure foam covers butyl completely

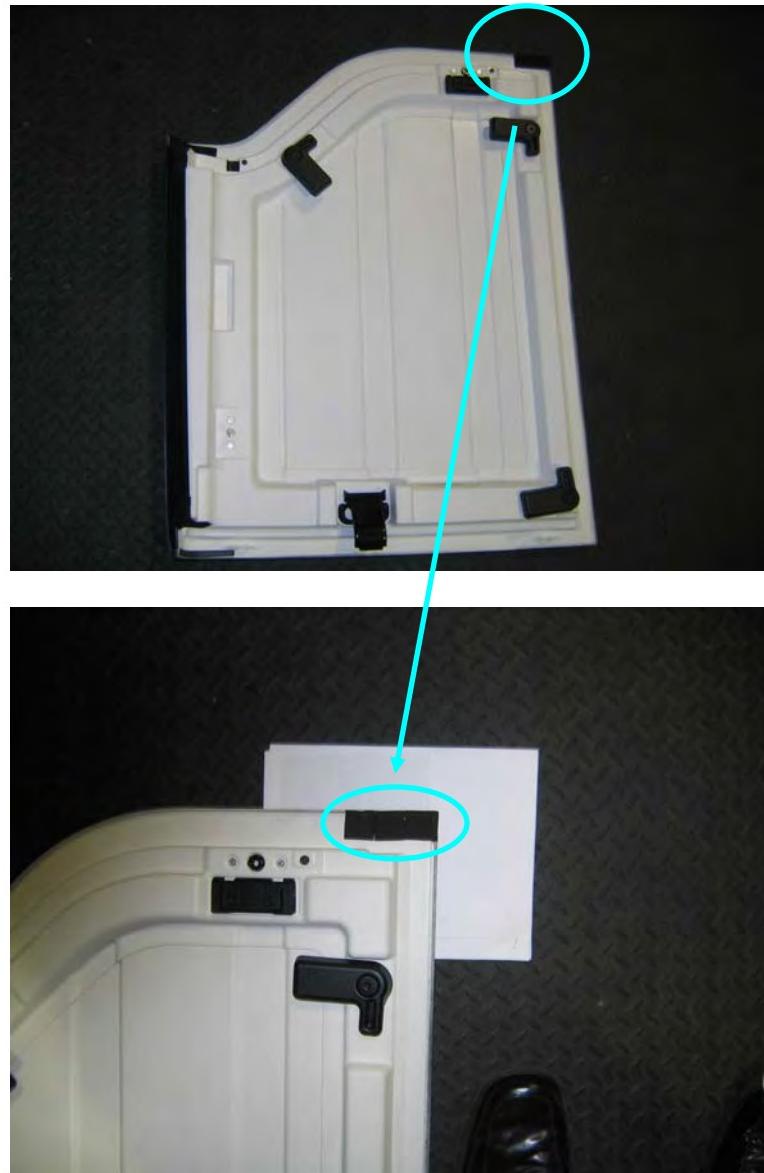


Figure 28

## STEP 10: Install front latches

- NOTE: This applies to both Right and Left panels
- If the vehicle MDH is prior to 12/07/07, replace the front latches with part number 68004562AB (Figure 29)



Figure 29

# B-Pillar Mucket/Foam Seal Repair

## AREA OF LEAK:

- This repair procedure is applicable when water is evident on the:
  - B-pillar roll bar
  - B-pillar trim
  - Freedom panel screw holes

**NOTE:** Water that enters anywhere along the hard top seal can travel over to the B-pillar and leak from the hard top

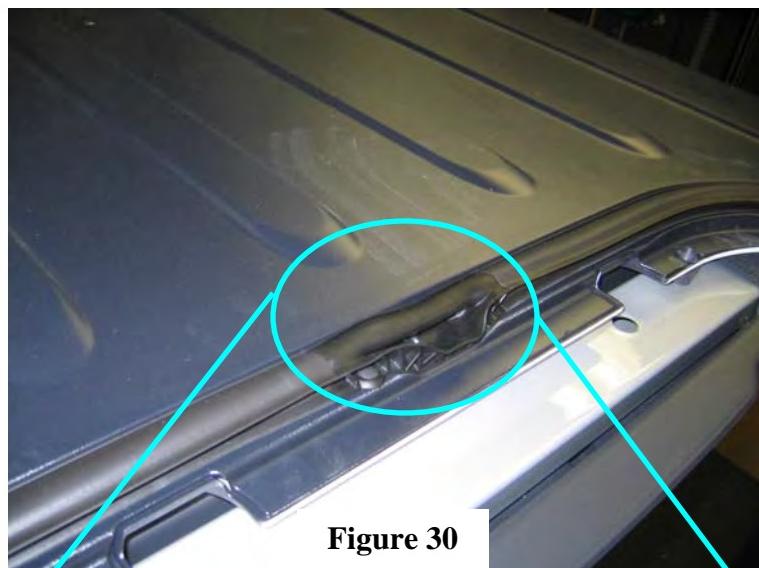


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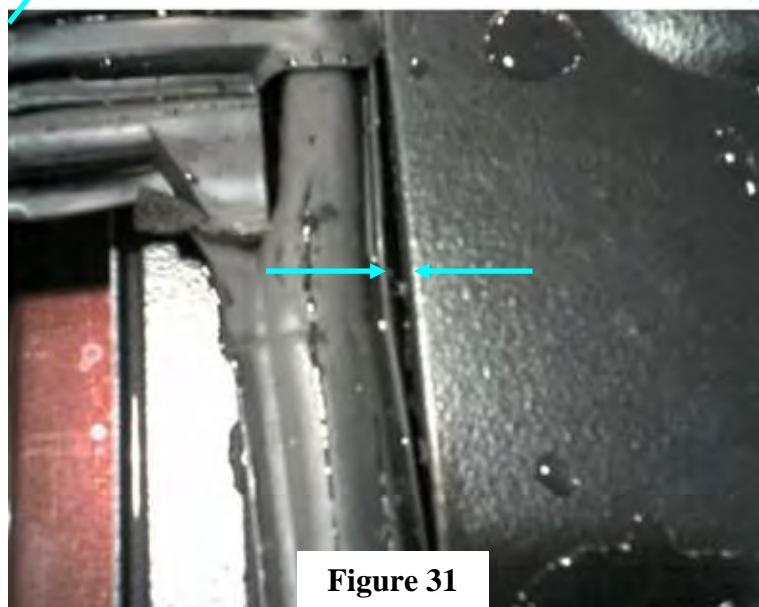
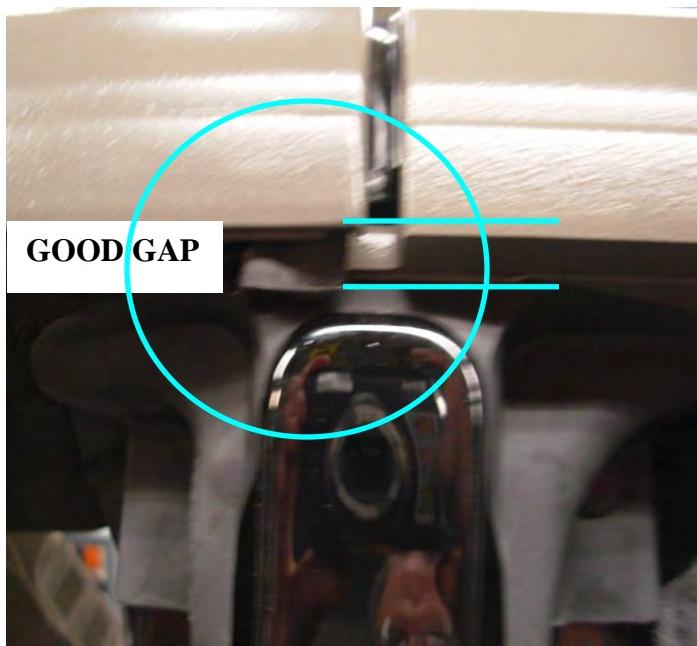
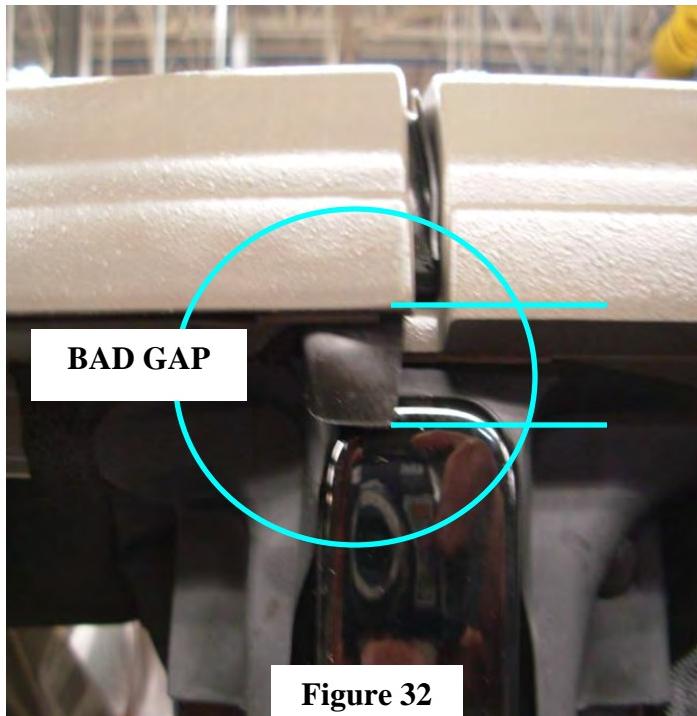


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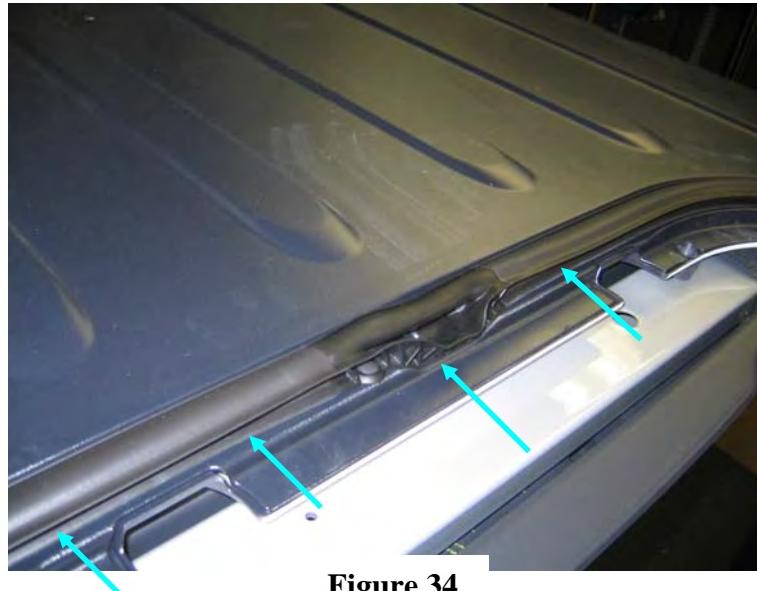
# B-Pillar Mucket/Foam Seal Repair

## STEP 1: Inspect Hard Top Seal (cont.)

- Inspect the end molds for poor installation (Figure 32)



- Inspect underneath the seal for any skips with the tape/butyl along the entire seal (Figure 34 & 35).



# B-Pillar Mucket/Foam Seal Repair

## STEP 2: Replace Hard Top Seal

- If there are multiple skips or the leak cannot be stopped, replace seal.
- Remove all tape/butyl and clean with alcohol prior to installation
- A rubber wheel bit can be used to remove the tape
- Pre-apply butyl (68027813AA) on hard top prior to installing the seal (Figure 36)
- It is critical that then end molds are installed correctly and sufficient pressure is applied to wet out the butyl/tape (Figure 36)

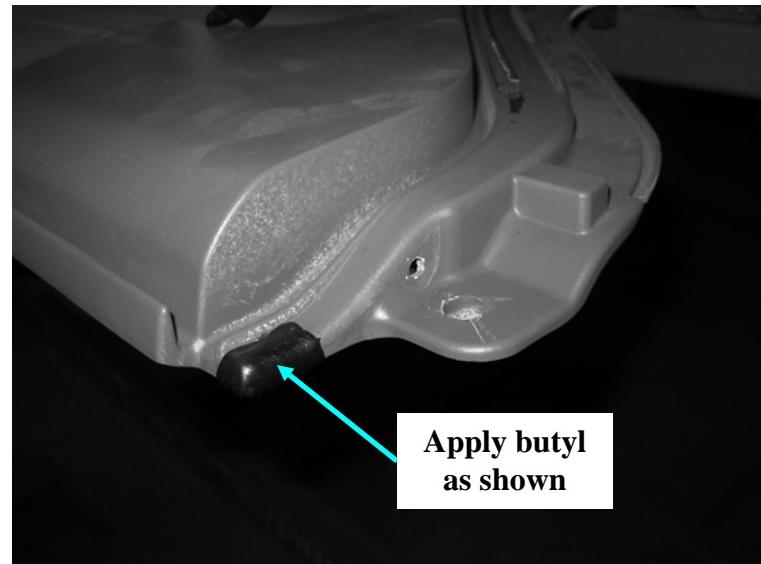


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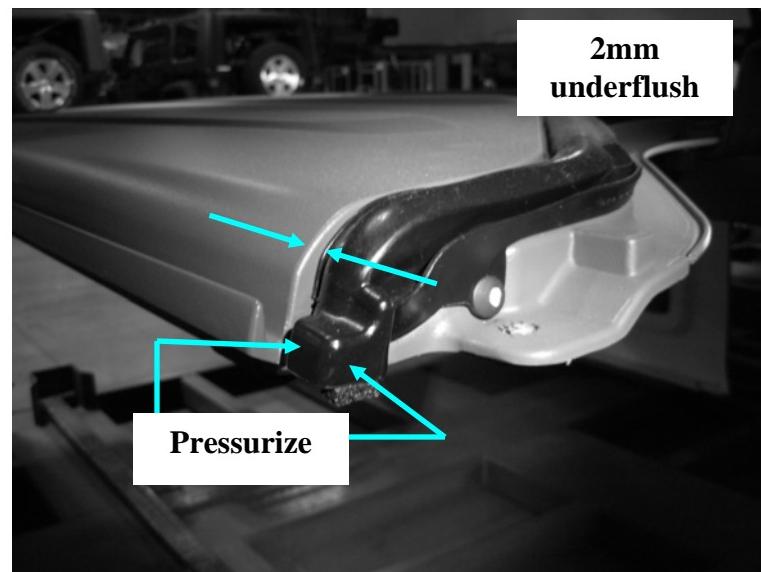


Figure 37

# B-Pillar Mucket/Foam Seal Repair

## AREA OF LEAK:

- This repair procedure is applicable when water is evident on the:
  - B-plr trim or seat

NOTE: This repair applies to 4 door hard top or soft top models

## **STEP 1: Inspect mucket detail**

- Inspect the mucket for a rolled under condition (Figure 38)
- Inspect the mucket for a missing drain hole



## **STEP 2: Replace the mucket detail**

- If either of these conditions exist, replace the mucket detail  
(Part #:55395708/9AE)
- Reinstall the panel or side rail making sure not to distort the mucket



# B-Pillar Mucket/Foam Seal Repair

## STEP 3: Inspect Freedom Panel for damaged or missing foam

- If the foam is damaged or missing, replace the foam using the foam kit (68026937AB)



## STEP 4: Add additional foam to freedom panel

- Add a piece of foam to the freedom panel as shown in Figure 41. This foam can be created by cutting the 30 x 75mm GREY foam in half from the foam kit (68026937AB)
- Figure 41

NOTE: This foam is in addition to the foam that is already on the panel



# Rear Wheel Flare Hole Repair

## AREA OF LEAK:

- This repair procedure is applicable when water is evident on the:
  - Front floor (wet carpet)
  - Under seat

**NOTE:** This leak can be diagnosed by applying a hose to the upper rear flare and inspecting for water traveling along the floor to the front



## STEP 1: Remove Rear Flare

## STEP 2: Replace/Install Patch

### Hole : 1

**NOTE:** Vehicles built prior to 5/28/08 will require this repair

- Inspect the body for missing or misaligned tape over the hole as seen in Figure 43
- Add/Replace a tape patch over the hole

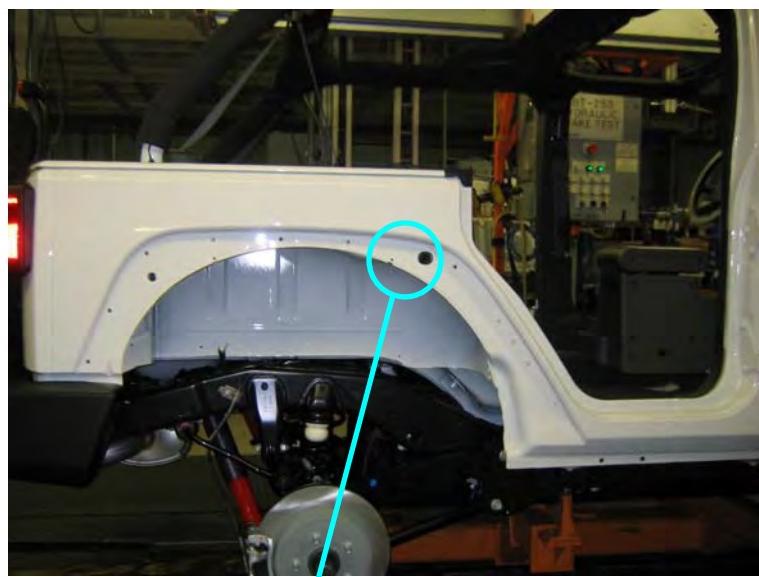


Figure 42

### Hole: 2

**NOTE:** Vehicles built prior to 5/01/09 will require this repair

- Inspect the body for missing or misaligned tape over the hole as seen in Figure 43
- Add/Replace a tape patch over the hole

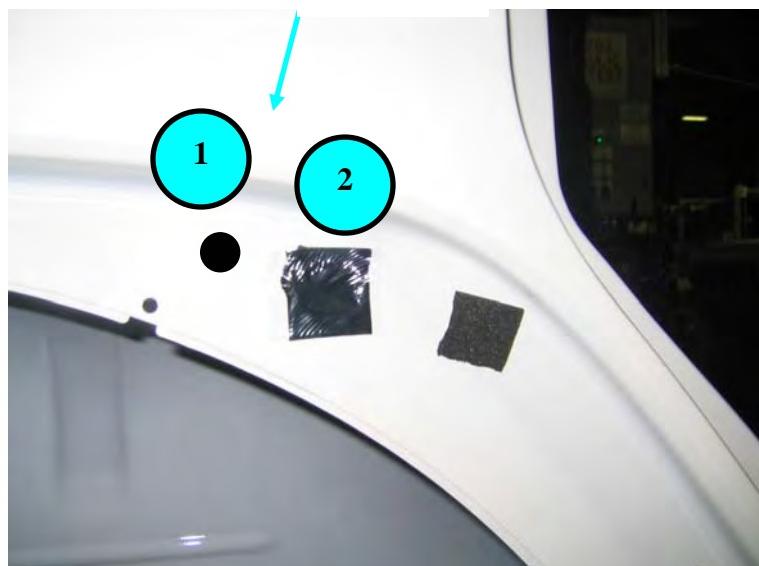


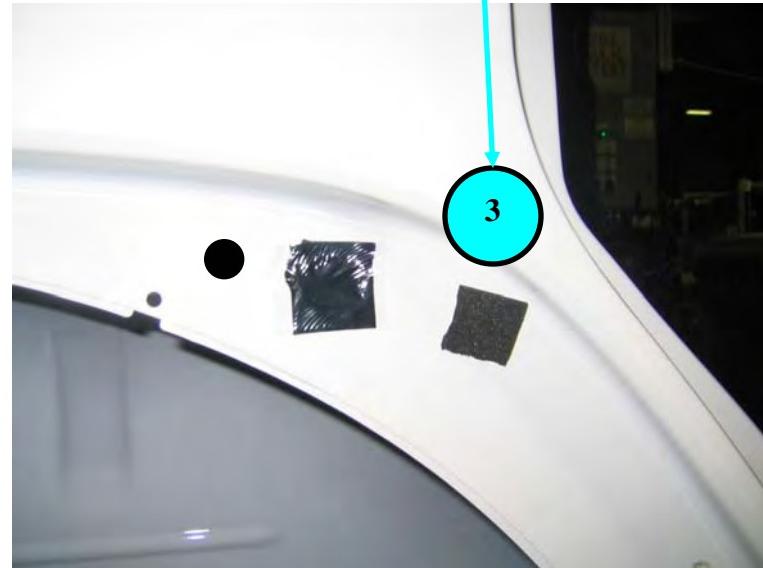
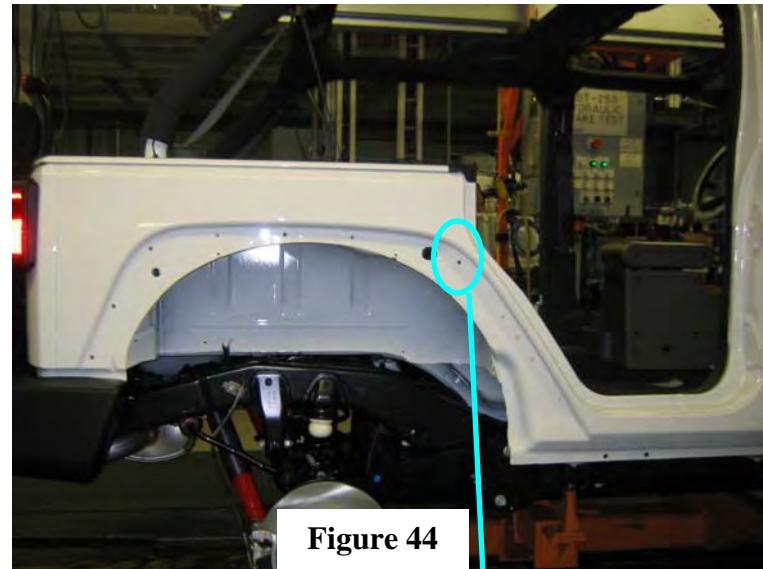
Figure 43

# Rear Wheel Flare Hole Repair

Hole:  3

**NOTE:** Vehicles built prior to 7/22/08 will require this repair

- Cut the BLACK 30 x 75 foam from the foam kit (68026937AB) in half and apply over this hole (Figure 45)
- Make sure the foam does not extend past the flare trim line (appearance issue)
- Re-install flare



# Cowl Side Panel Repair

## AREA OF LEAK:

- This repair procedure is applicable when water is evident on the:
  - Front floor (wet carpet)

**NOTE:** These leaks can be diagnosed by applying a hose in the cowl panel (Figure 47).

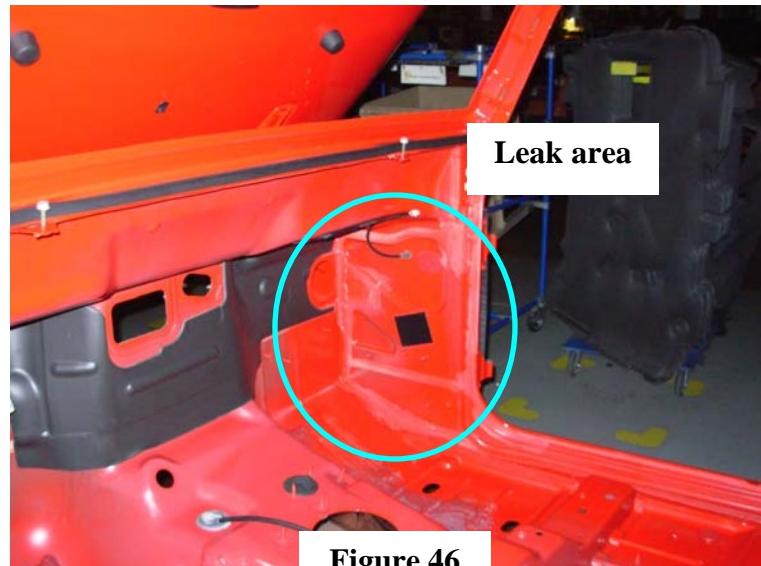


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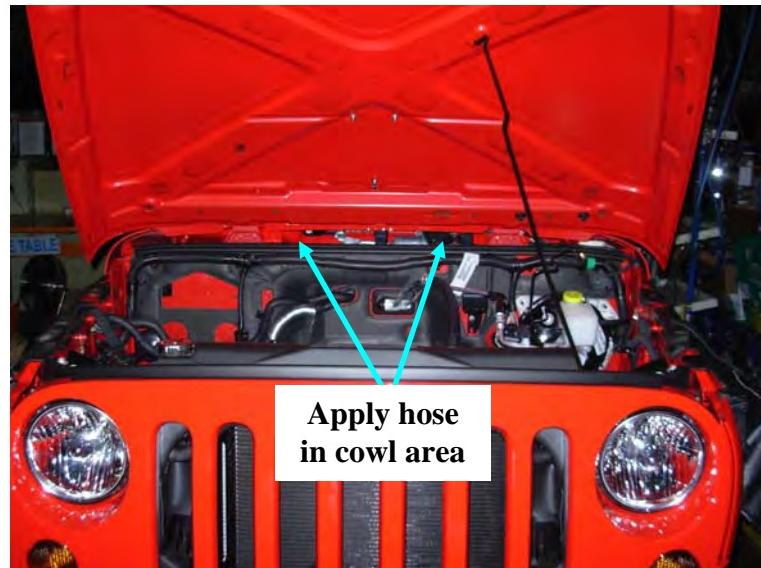


Figure 47

# Cowl Side Panel Repair

**Condition 1:** Mastic patches/Plugs

**Repair 1:** *Replace patch/plug*

**Condition 2:** Check strap bracket

**Repair 2:** *Remove bracket and apply a butyl to holes*

**Condition 3:** Seam sealer skips

**Repair 3:** *Apply clear sealer (part #: 04467708) to skip*

**Condition 4:** Scuff trim foam damaged/missing

**Repair 4:** *Replace trim clips*

**Condition 5:** Antenna grommet not seated

**Repair 5:** *Re-install grommet*

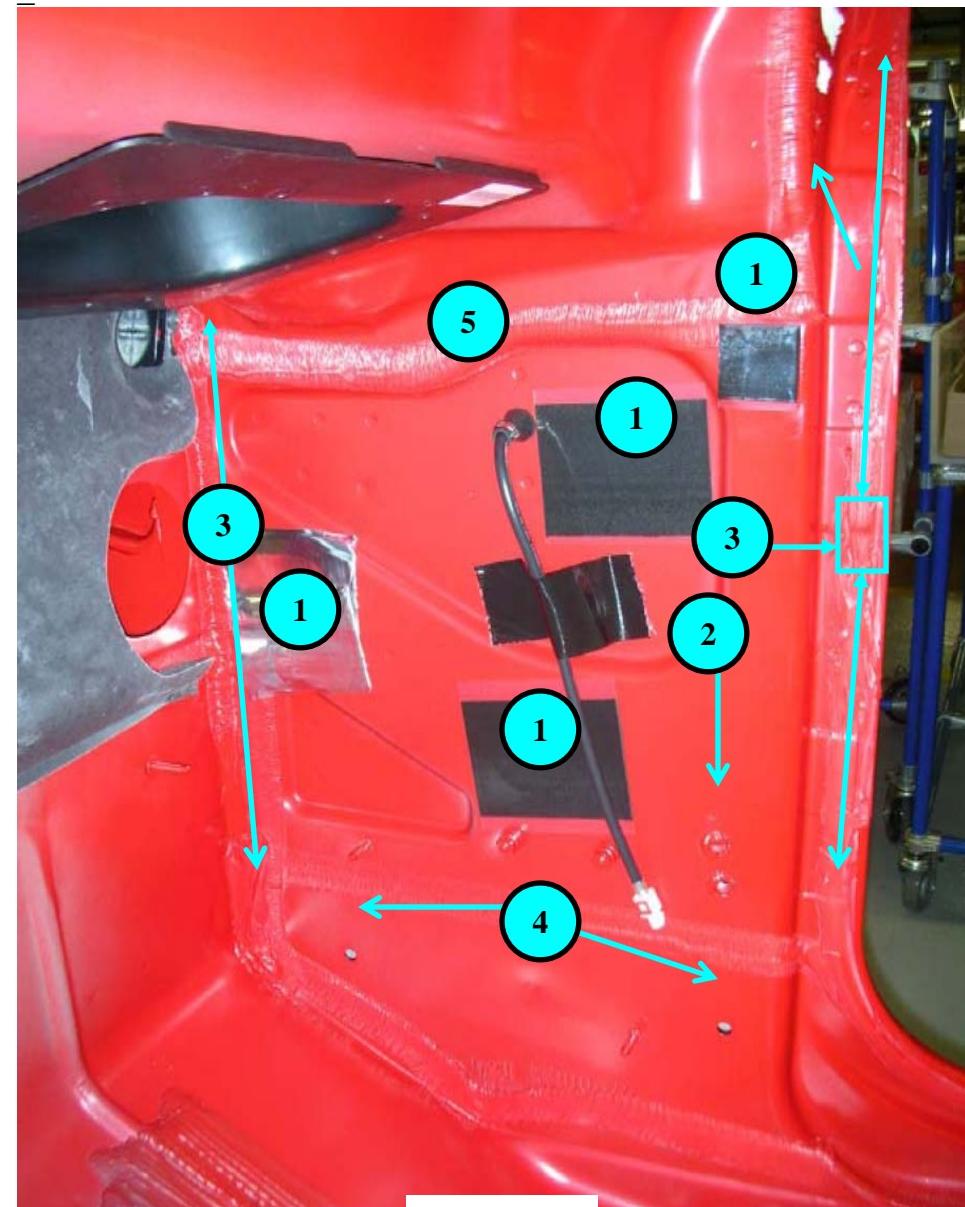


Figure 48

## Appendix

### Foam Kit: 68026937AB



#### A/B-Pillar Foam

- Used on Pages (5,16,)

#### 30 mm x 75mm BLACK Foam

- Used on Pages (10,11)

#### 30 mm x 75mm GREY Foam

- Used on Pages (9,16)

# Appendix

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## Jeep Wrangler Replacement Parts List

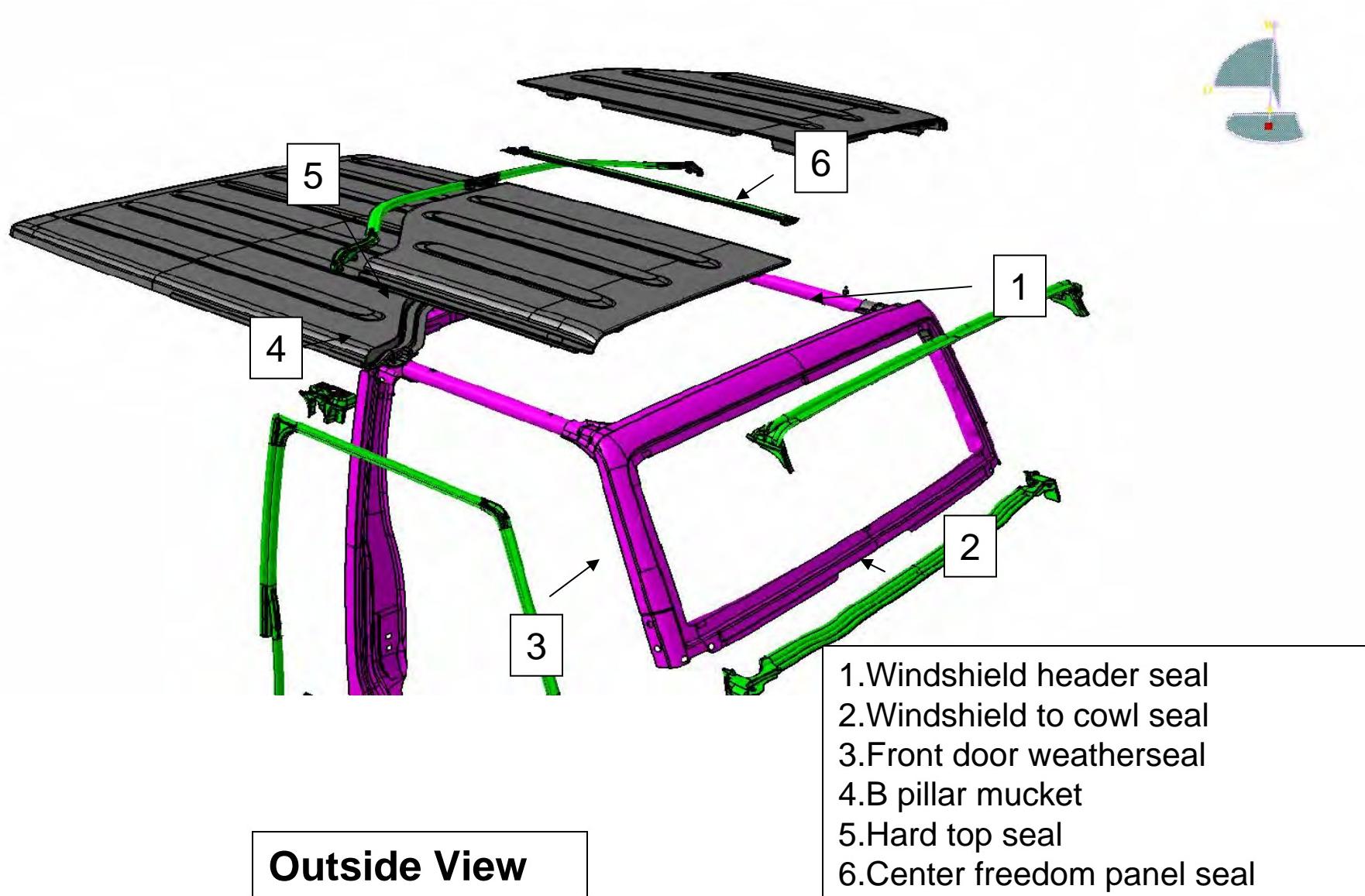
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<b>68026937AB</b>	<b>Foam Kit</b>	<b>5,9-11,16</b>
<b>55397454AE</b>	<b>Windshield Header Seal</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>55395274/5AN</b>	<b>Front Door Primary Seal</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>55395708/9AE</b>	<b>B-Pillar Mucket</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>55397095AG</b>	<b>Freedom Panel Seal</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>55397046AF</b>	<b>Hard Top Seal 4DR</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>55397058AF</b>	<b>Hard Top Seal 2DR</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>68004562AB</b>	<b>Freedom Panel Latch</b>	<b>11</b>

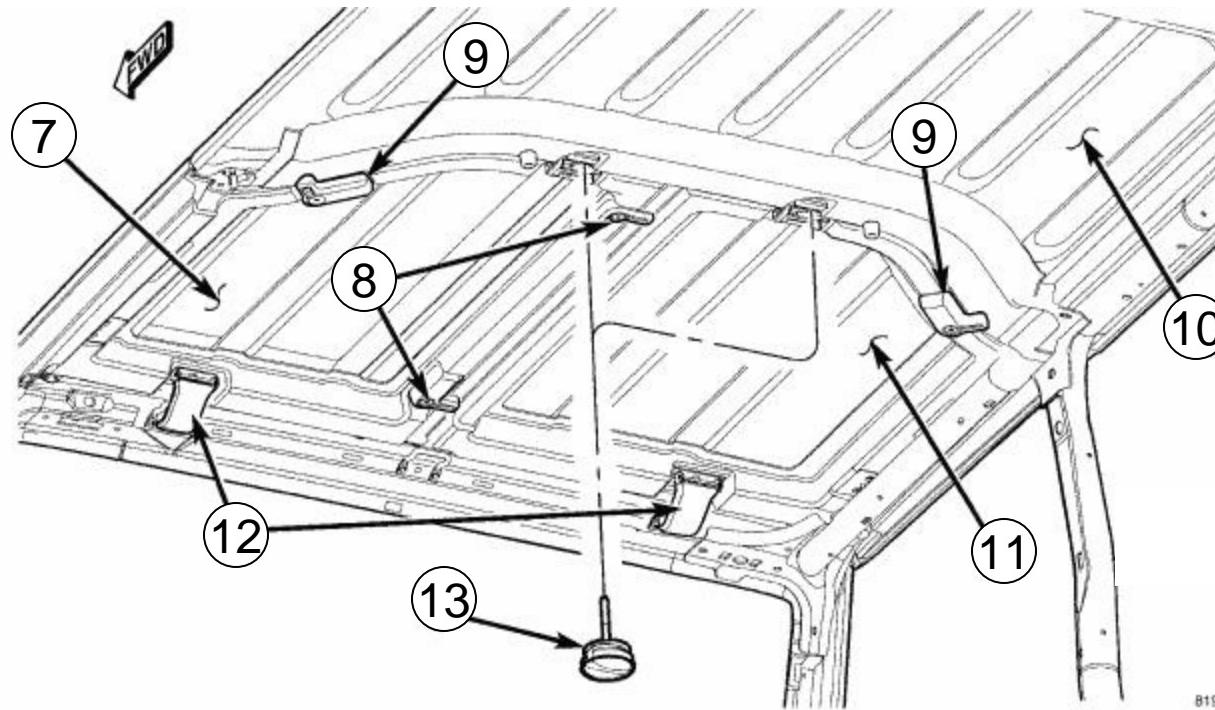
# **JK Freedom Top**

## **-Center Front-**

# **Water Leak Repair**

**Reference TSB # 23-020-08 As Required for additional Repair Information**





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### Inside View

- 7. Left Freedom Panel
- 8. Panel to Panel Latches
- 9. Panel to Hard Top Latches
- 10. Hard Top
- 11. Right Freedom Panel
- 12. Latch & Base Assembly 68004562AB
- 13. Sport Bar Thumb Screws

**\*Please note:**

This package addresses water leaks that come from inside the vehicle when the door is closed.

This package **does not** address water that drips into the Vehicle when the door is open.

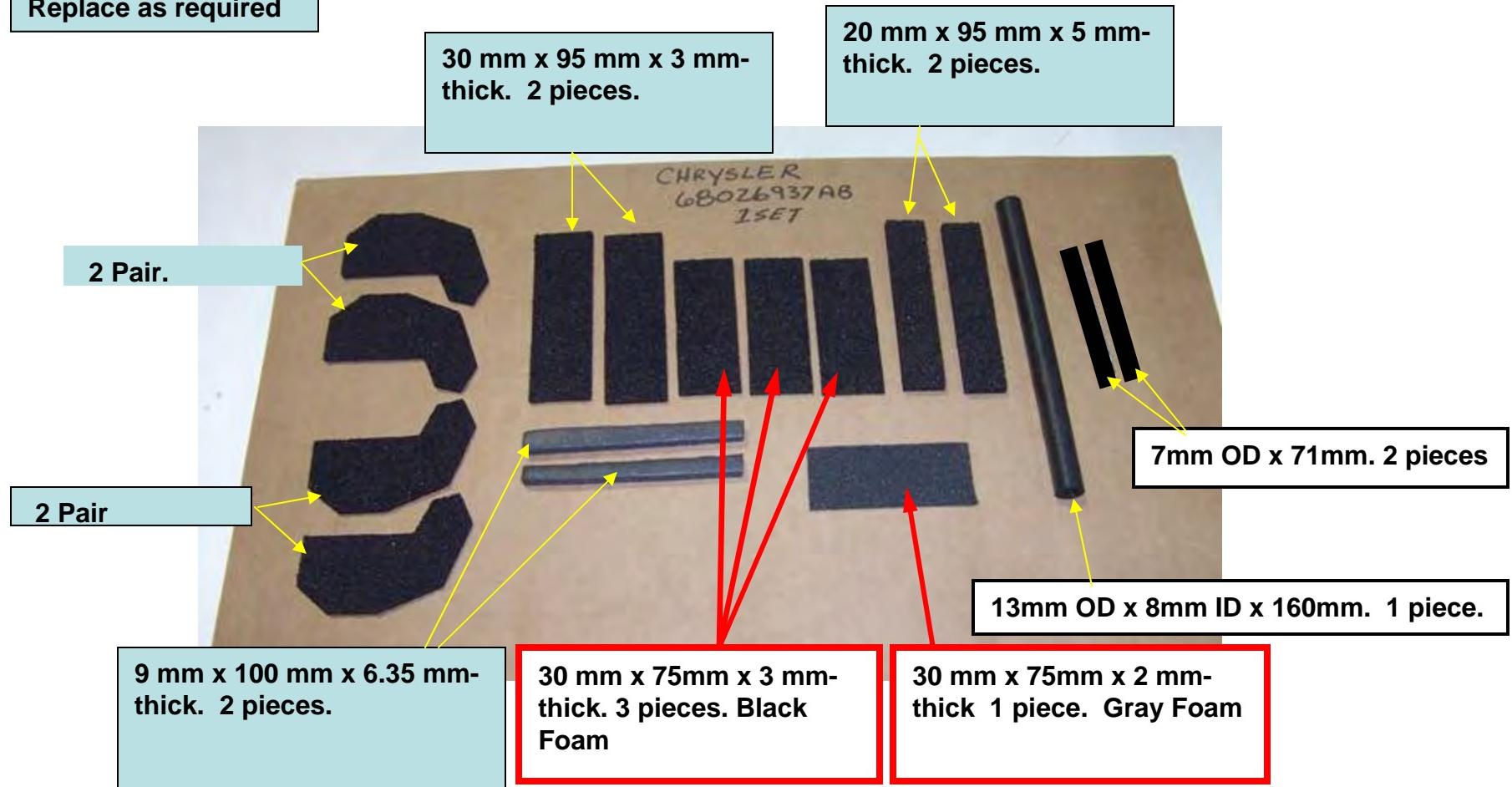
**This is a normal condition!**



# Foam Kit Contents

These parts with  
Light Blue shaded  
boxes are Optional /  
Replace as required

68026937AB



These 4 pieces of foam are required  
for the freedom panel repair.

## Additional Hard Top Foam Locations Included in the foam kit. Replace as required.



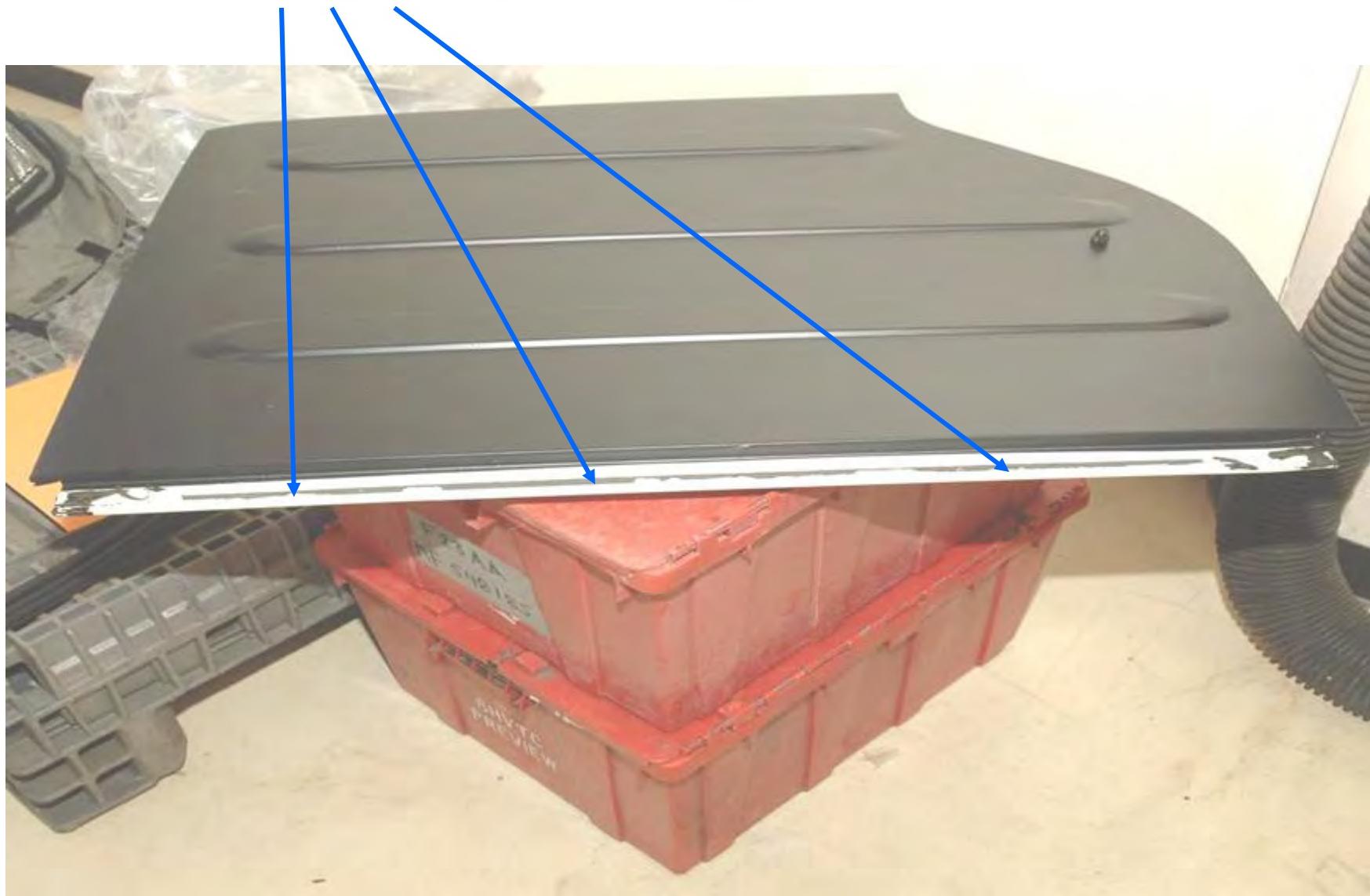
# Right Freedom Panel

**Weather Strip Removal & Freedom panel Cleaning**

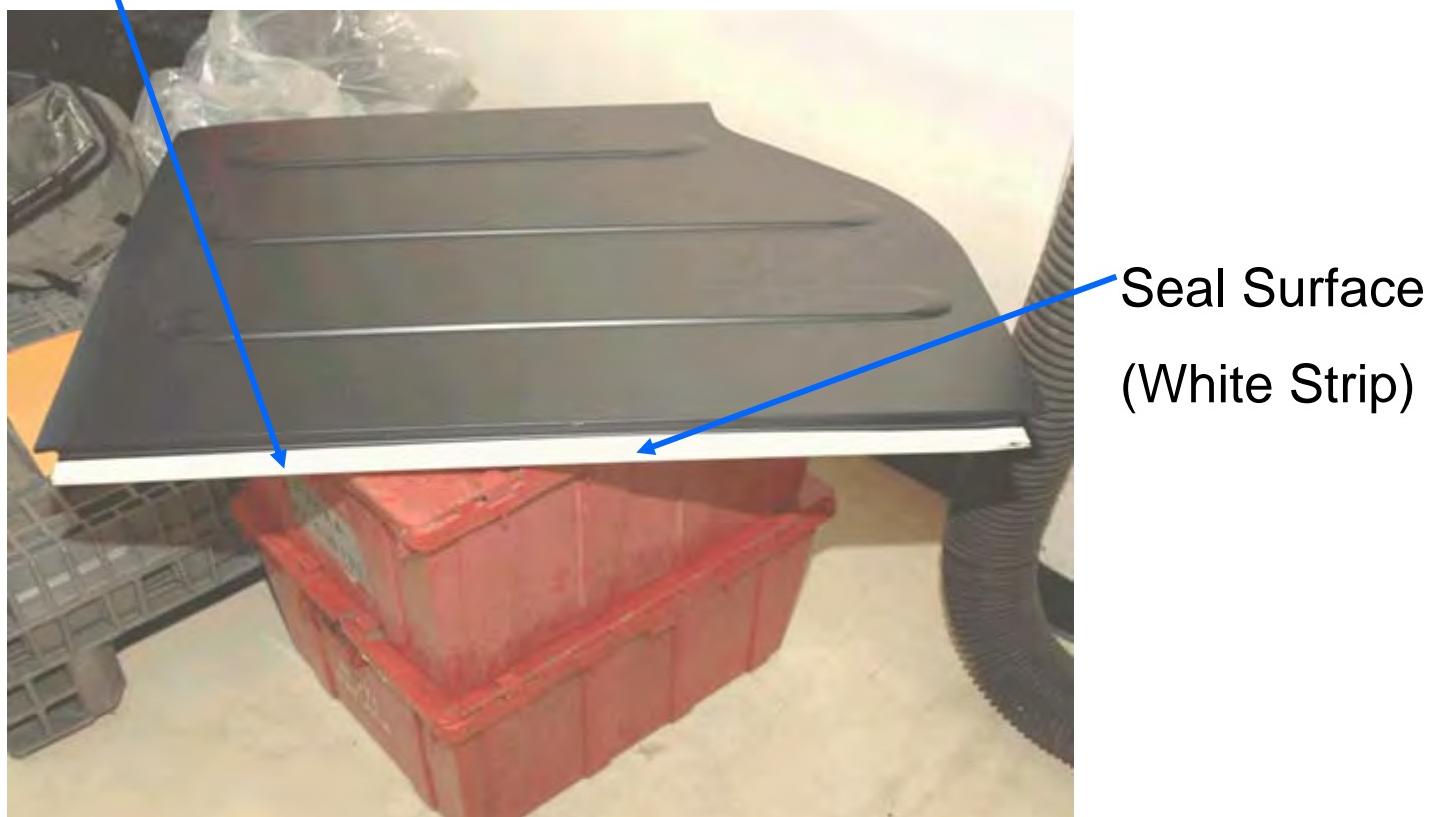
## Remove Right Freedom Panel Center Seal



Remove old Butyl & Tape from Right Freedom Panel



Note: Old Butyl Removed from Right Freedom Panel



Clean Seal Surface with: 3M General Purpose Adhesive Cleaner or Kent Products Acrysol, (if available) and allow to dry completely. Rough up Seal Surface with Medium Scotch Bright pad. Wipe Seal Surface with Alcohol and allow to dry completely.

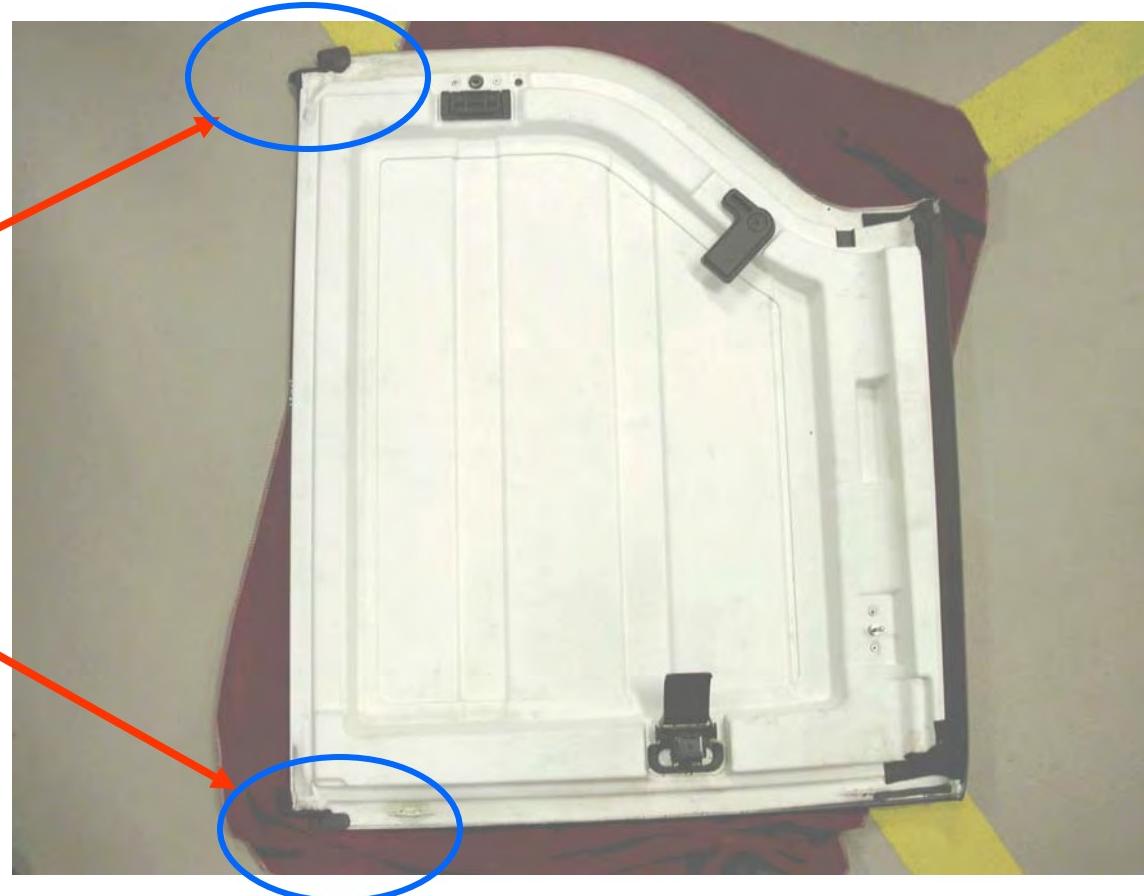
Note: Old Butyl Removed from Right Freedom Panel, Front & Rear Notches



Place Right Freedom Panel  
Upside down on a covered  
work surface to prevent paint  
Scratching.

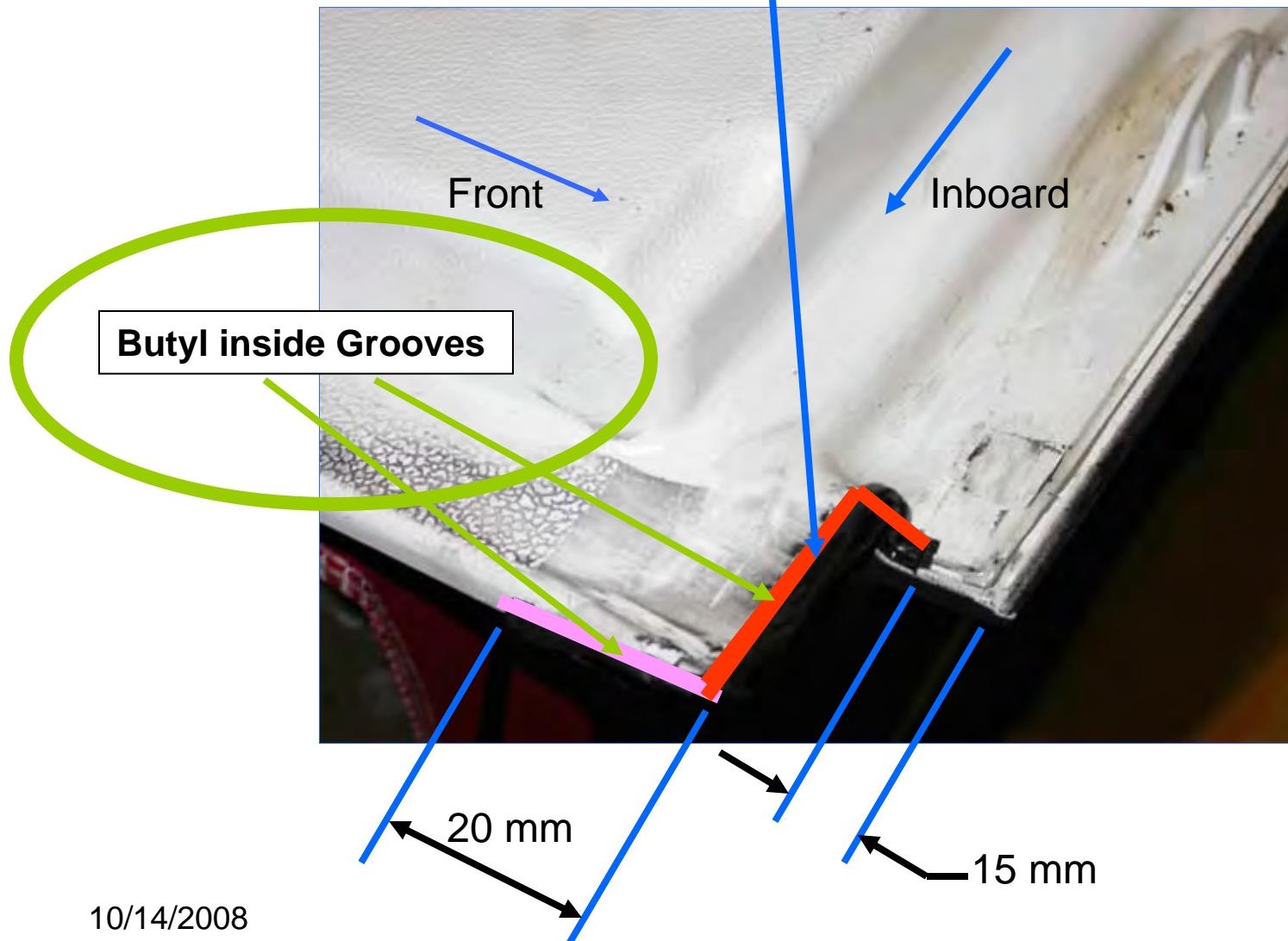
### **Freedom Panel Notch Butyl installation**

Page 15 Rear notch

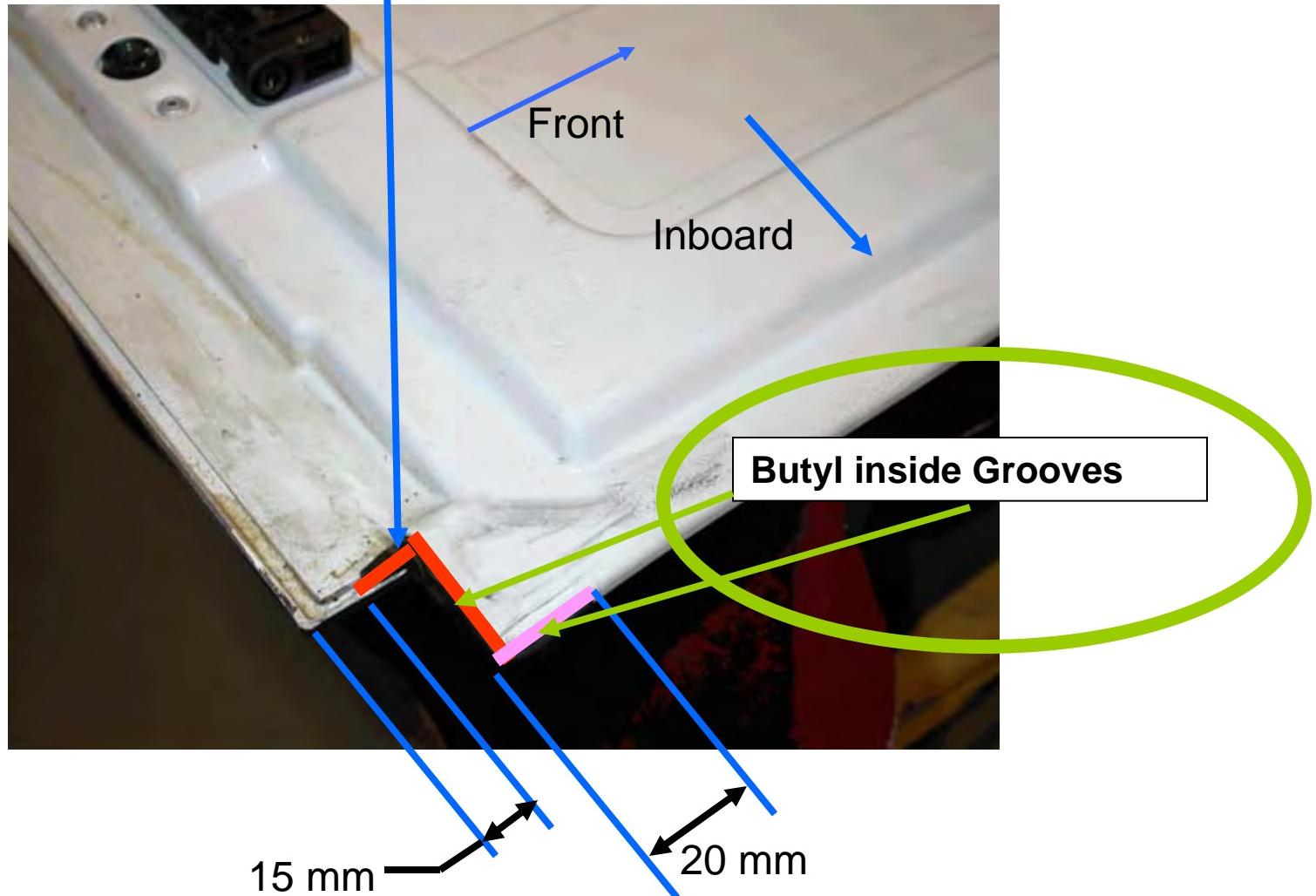


Page 14 Front notch

Apply New 4 mm diameter Butyl, Pt # 68027813AA to Right Freedom Panel, Front Notch. Note: Follow Groove between panels and Push Butyl firmly in place.

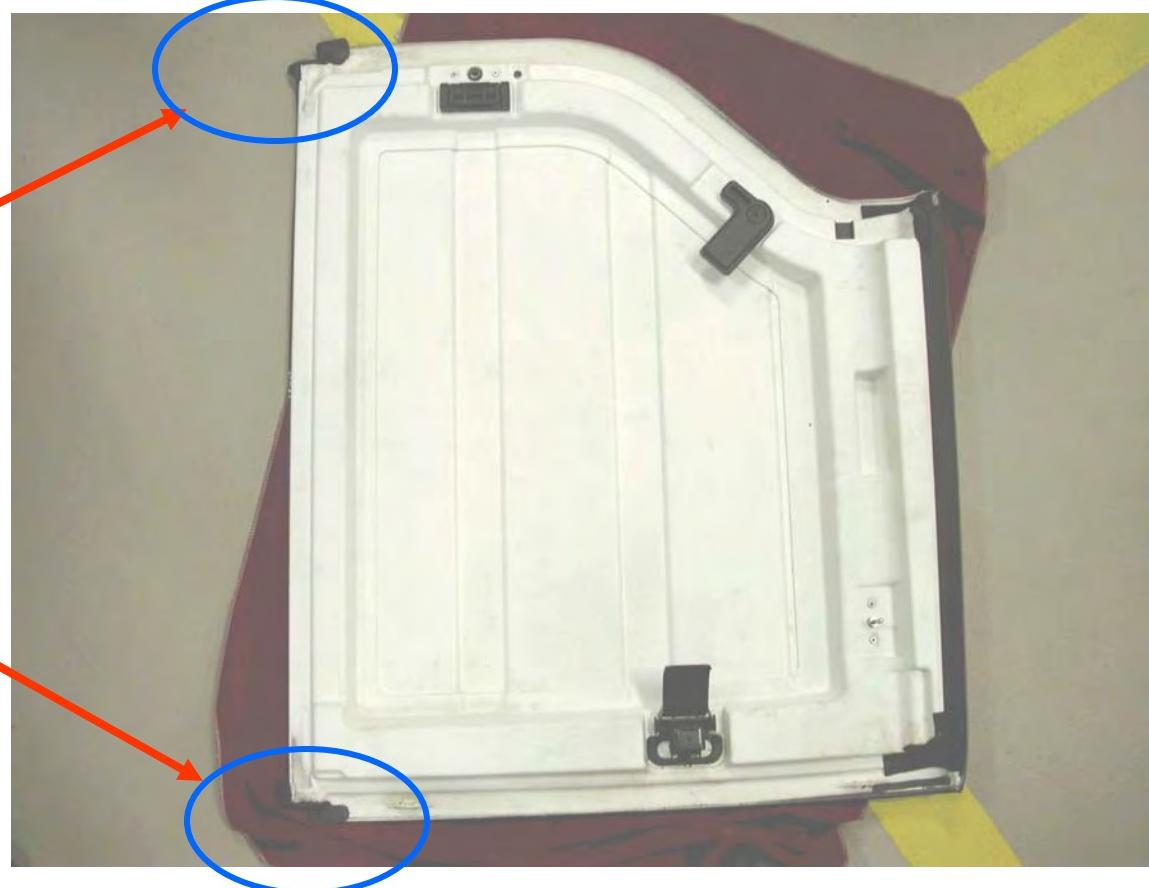


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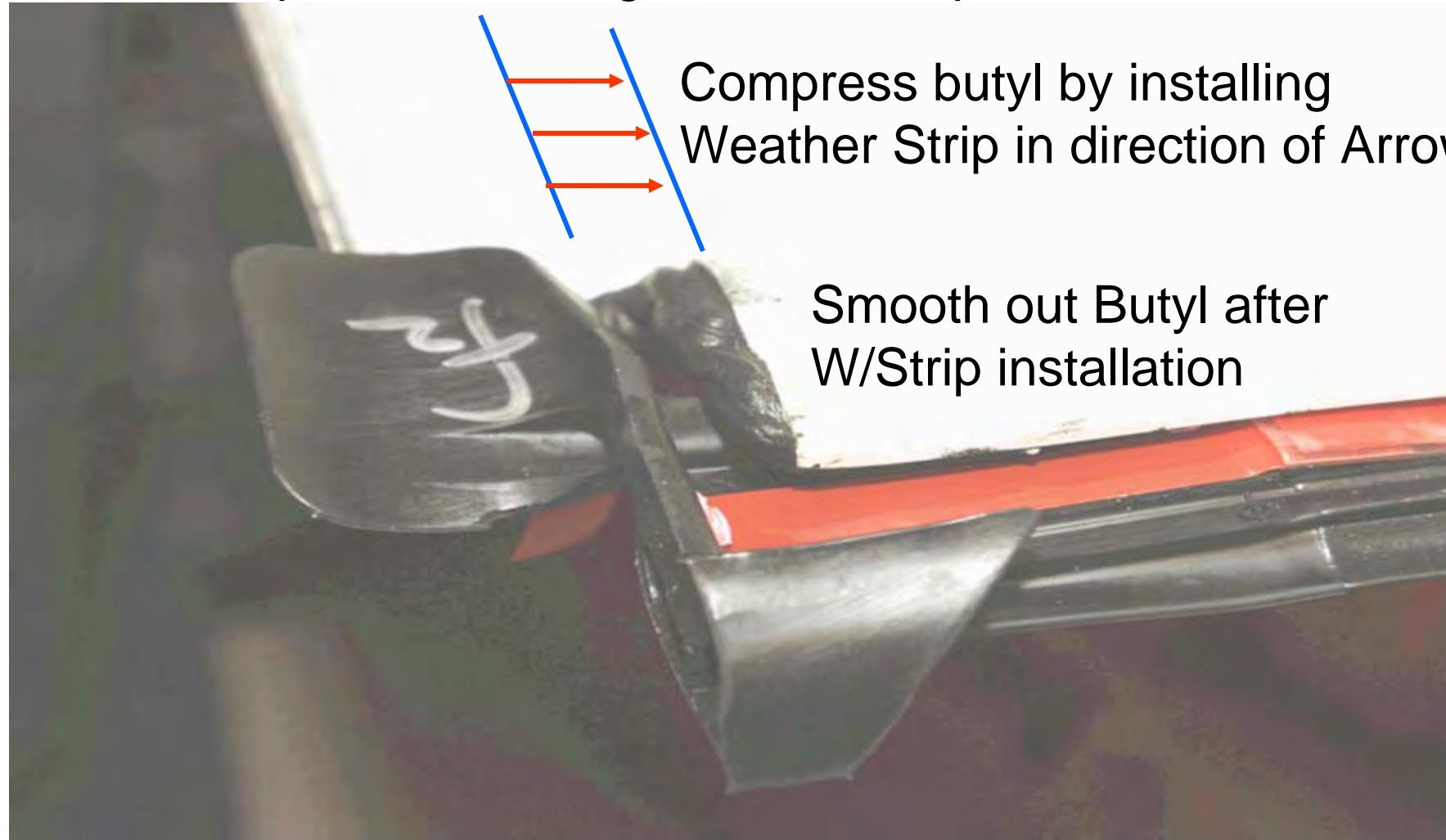
Page 17 Rear Weather Strip

Page 18 Front Weather Strip

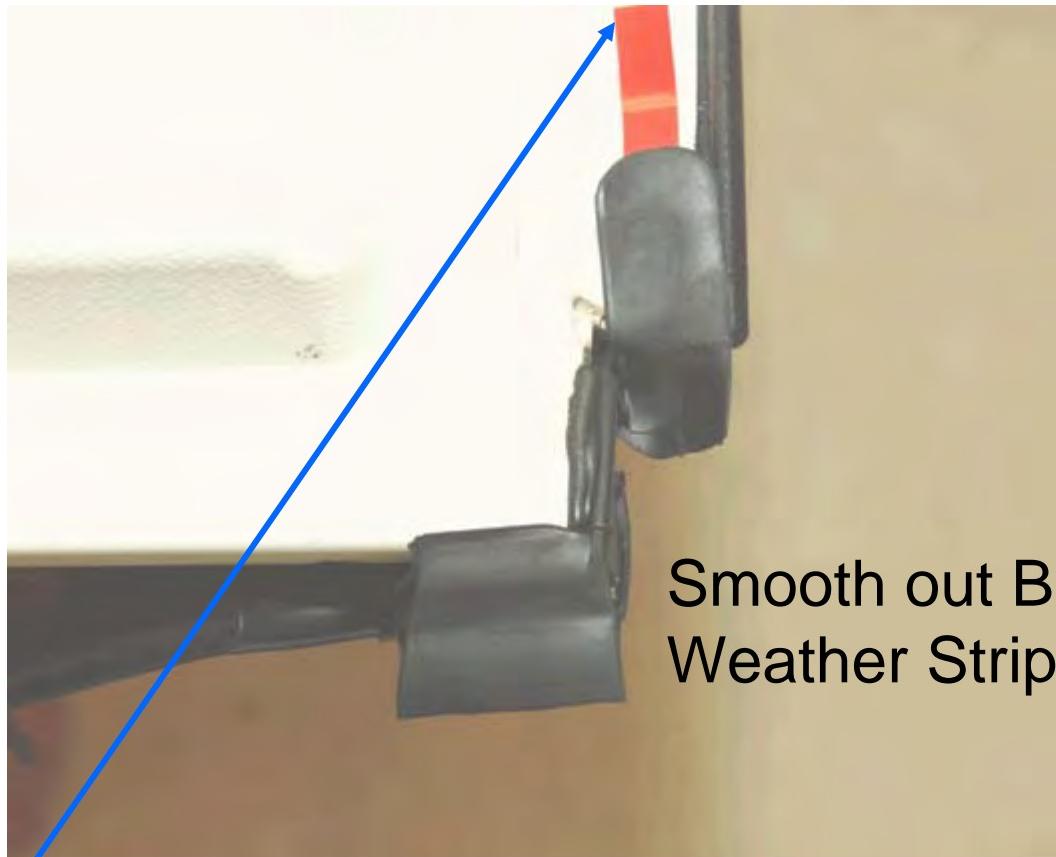


## Freedom Panel Weather Strip installation

Align **Rear** edge of NEW Weather Strip, Pt # 55397095AG to Right Freedom Panel Notch. Note: No gap between installed Weather Strip and outer edge of freedom panels.



Align **Front** edge of NEW Weather Strip, Pt # 55397095AG to Right Freedom Panel Notch. Note: No gap between installed Weather Strip and outer edge of freedom panels.



Smooth out Butyl after  
Weather Strip installation

Note: Remove Release tape and Press Weather Strip Firmly in contact with Freedom Panel, **Front AND Rear**.

Note Both Ends of new W/Strip Located and installed to  
Freedom Panel Center section still shown unattached

